



Public Health

Seattle & King County

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FOODS EXEMPT FROM THE FOOD CODE AND NOT CONSIDERED AS A FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT

- An establishment that offers only nonpotentially hazardous, non ready-to-eat, minimally cut, unprocessed fruits and vegetables
- A food processing plant or other establishment for activities regulated by the Washington State Department of Agriculture or the U.S. Department of Agriculture
- An establishment that offers only nonpotentially hazardous, ready-to-eat foods produced in a licensed food establishment or food processing plant (such as premixed soda pop, powdered creamer, pretzels, cookies, doughnuts, cake, or meat jerky) that are served without direct hand contact, with limited portioning, directly onto or into sanitary single-use articles or single-service articles from the original package
- An establishment that offers only nonpotentially hazardous hot beverages (such as coffee, hot tea, or hot apple cider) served directly into sanitary single-service articles
- An establishment that offers only dry, nonpotentially hazardous, non ready-to-eat foods (such as dry beans, dry grains, in-shell nuts, coffee beans, tea leaves, or herbs for tea)
- An establishment that offers only prepackaged frozen confections produced in a licensed food establishment or food processing plant
- A residential kitchen in a private home or other location, if only foods that are nonpotentially hazardous baked goods are prepared and wrapped in a sanitary manner for sale or service by a nonprofit organization for religious, charitable, or educational purposes, and if the consumer is informed by a clearly visible placard at the sales or service location that the foods are prepared in a kitchen that is not inspected by a regulatory authority
- A location where foods are prepared in a residential kitchen as noted above and are sold or offered for human consumption
- A kitchen in a private home operated as a family day care provider as defined in RCW 74.15.020(1)(f) or an adult family home as defined in RCW 70.128.010, used only to prepare food for residents and other people whom the operation is licensed to provide care
- A private home that receives catered or home-delivered food
- A private home or other location used for a private event
- A donor kitchen or a location used for a potluck

